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SUBJECT: DRC MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 1974: ASSIGNED AND EARMARKED  
FORCES AND AX OTHER BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS III AND IV

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B. IMSWM-156-74

C. STATE 205986

D. USNATO 4942

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING DRC MEETING SEPTMEBER 19, US UK FRG BELGIUM,  
DANISH AND MC REPS ENDORSED NEED FOR TRANSFERRING COMMITTED FORCES  
FROM EARMARKED BACK TO ASSIGNED STATUS BUT OFFERED VARYING  
APPROACHED FOR EFFECTING SUCH TRANSFER. FRG REP REMOVED GERMAN  
RESERVATION ON RELEASE OF RAW DATA FROM NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA  
BASE. ASYG HUMPHREYS SAID PARTICIPANTS IN ONGOING TRILATERALS  
SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE DEFENSE MATTERS AS WELL  
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AS PARTICIPATE IN DRAFTING COUNTRY CHAPTERS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING SEPTEMBER 19 DRC MEETING, CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS CITED  
RECENT SHIFTS IN SUBSTANTIAL NATO COMMITTED FORCES FROM ASSIGNED

TO EARMARKED STATUS AND SAID HIS LETTER TO IMS DIRECTOR (REF A) ATTEMPTED TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON POLITICAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED AND OFFER POSSIBLE SOLUTION. UK REP RELAYED LONDON ENDORSEMENT OF HUMPHREYS PROPOSAL AND ASKED THAT QUOTE: AS YET UNSPECIFIED UNQUOTE BE ADDED TO END OF PROPOSED DEFINITION FOR NATO EARMARKED FORCES. FRG REP ENDORSED HUMPHREYS PROPOSAL, NOTED ITS SIMILARITY TO ALTERNATIVES CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY MC (REF B), AND SAID BONN WOULD FAVORABLY CONSIDER COMPROMISE BETWEEN THEM. US REP (LEGERE), DRAWING FROM REF C, ENDORSED OBJECTIVE OF TRANSFERRING COMMITTED FORCES BACK TO ASSIGNED STATUS, BUT RECOMMENDED AGAINST CHANGING BASIC DOCUMENTS GOVERNING COMMITMENT IF POSSIBLE. LIGERE SAID THAT IF MC DECIDED SUCH REVISION NECESSARY, MC SHOULD ASK SACEUR FOR SHORT TERM FIX PROPOSAL AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 3, REF C. HE ASKED THAT SACEUR MAKE HIS VIEW ON ULTIMATE MC PROPOSAL AVAILABLE FOR CONSIDERATION BY CAPITALS WHEN THEY REVIEW MC PROPOSAL BEFORE ITS SUBMISSION TO DPC. BELGIAN REP RECOMMENDED RETAINING PRESENT DEFINITIONS FOR ASSIGNED AND EARMARKED FORCES, BUT SAID HIS AUTHORITIES SUPPORTED FURTHER EXAMINATION OF HUMPHREYS PROPOSAL IF MC DECIDED REVISED DEFINITIONS NECESSARY. DNAISH REP SUPPORTED RETENTION OF PRESENT MC57/3 DEFINITIONS WITH EXPLANATORY FOOTNOTES ON OPERATIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL STATUS FOR ASSIGNED FORCES. HE SAID DENMARK WOULD SUPPORT SO CALLED APPROACH C (PARA 5, REF B) IN MC. MC REP SAID NINE NATIONS HAD FORMALLY COMMENTED ON REF B, THEIR RESPONSES WERE NOT REPEAT NO IN AGREEMENT, AND MC WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY ACHIEVING CONSENSUS SOLUTION.

2. DURING ANY OTHER BUSINESS PORTION OF AGENDA, FRG REP LIFTED PREVIOUS RESERVATION ON RELEASE OF RRAW DATA FROM NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE (REF D) SUBJECT TO : (A) SIMILAR SUBMISSION AND RELEASE OF RAW DATA BY OTHER NATIONS AND (B) UPDATING OF ALL RAW DATA PERTAINING TO FRG. CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS URGED OTHER NATIONS WITH RESERVATIONS (CANADA, NETHERLANDS AND DENMARK) TO RESPOND QUICKLY. CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS REFERRED TO COMMENTS HE MADE ABOUT TRILATERALS DURING LAST DRC (REF D) AND SAID HE DID NOT MEAN PARTICIPANTS IN TRILATERALS WOULD PRIMARILY DRAFT COUNTRY CHAPTERS. RATHER, THEY WOULD DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE DEFENSE CONFIDENTIAL

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MATTERS AND , IN SOME CASES, PARTICIPATE IN DRAFTING PARTICULARLY TROUBLESOME PORTIONS OF COUNTRY CHAPTERS.

3. MISSION COMMENT: AFTER DRC MEETING, SHAPE REP (BGEN MILLER) INFORMALLY TOLD LEGERE: (A) SACEUR VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SHIFT IN ALLIED FORCES FROM ASSIGNED TO EARMARKED STATUS, (B) SHAPE SUPPORTS REVISED DEFINITIONS ALONG LINES OF HUMPHREYS PROPOSAL AS BEST SOLUTION FOR LONG TERM, (C) SHAPE ENDORSES HUMPHREYS EFFORTS TOWARD PROMOTING SOLUTION IN BOTH DRC AND MC, AND (D) SHAPE WOULD APPRECIATE US HELP IN ONGOING DELIBERATIONS. LEGERE ASSURED MILLER THAT MISSION HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO RENDER APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE IN NATO FORA. END MISSION COMMENT.

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